

MEMORANDUM



DATE: May 16, 2008

TO: Fire Chief
Each ALS Provider

CEO
Each ALS Ambulance Provider

FROM: Reza Vaezazizi, MD
Medical Director

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SUBJECT: CPAP

This is to notify our ALS Providers that ICEMA is moving CPAP from trial study to optional expanded scope of practice for paramedics as of July 1st, 2008. Providers interested in providing this procedure must submit a Letter of Intent, a training program, and quality improvement plan. ICEMA will continue to require 100% monitoring and QI data reporting of all patients who are treated with CPAP. We will continue to use our current paper forms until we can update our electronic PCRs to capture the same data.

CPAP will become a mandatory procedure as of July 1st, 2009. This should provide ample time for all providers to purchase the necessary equipment and provide the appropriate training to their staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sherri Shimshy at 909-388-5816 or SShimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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cc: ICEMA Executive Director
EMS Officers
Paramedic Coordinators